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SUBJ: VISIT TO HUNGARY OF GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER

1. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER DIMITRIOS BITSIOS PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO HUNGARY FEB 11-12 AND DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI, PRIME MINISTER LAZAR, AND FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA.

2. ACCORDING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE, BOTH SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT BOTH SIDES ARE CONSIDERING LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT, CONSULAR CONVENTION, AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

3. COMMUNIQUE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CSCE AND NEED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS SO THAT "PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY EVERY STATE". IMPORTANCE WAS ALSO GIVEN TO MBFR AND SALT TALKS AND TO NEED FOR "EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENING OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE".

4. TWO PARTIES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT SITUATION
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IN CYPRUS AND CALLED FOR SOLUTION WHICH GUARANTEED

ISLAND'S "SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL UNITY AND NON-ALIGNED STATUS". COMMUNIQUE'S LANGUAGE ON MIDDLE EAST WAS STANDARD PHRASEOLOGY CONCERNING RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND UNACCEPTABILITY OF TERRITORIAL CONQUEST. LANGUAGE CONCERNING "LAWFUL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE" WAS BALANCED WITH RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR "INSURING SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION".

5. GREEK EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMED US THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS ON COMMUNIQUE HUNGARIANS UNSUCCESSFULLY PUSHED HARD FOR INCLUDING DEMAND THAT ISRAELI TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. GOH ALSO WANTED REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO "VICTORY OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" AND TO "WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR MPLA GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA". COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON CYPRUS WAS AT INITIATIVE OF GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO ACCOMPANIED BITSIOS.

6. VISIT OF BITSIOS WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL AND EVEN GREEK EMBASSY OFFICIALS DO NOT EXPECT ANY CONCRETE AGREEMENTS TO EMERGE UNTIL LATE 1976. HUNGARIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO EXPAND THEIR RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA CAN BE EXPECTED TO RETURN THE VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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